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From Monday, August 21st, 1972 NBC NEWS Coverage of NIGHT 1 of the 1972 Republican National Convention in Miami Beach

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[Music] [Applause] [Music] so live from miami beach nbc news reports the 1972 republican national convention brought to you by the gulf oil corporation as part of its continuing effort to bring you events of special importance good evening john chancellor and david brinkley the second session of the republican national convention here and becoming a bit more of an uncertain story than it was when we left it this afternoon the permanent rules committee of this convention met during the afternoon hours and into the early evening on the question that is now becoming quite politically important to this convention of who gets to sit in the hall four years from now conservatives or liberals big state people or small state people in the dominance control of the convention four years from now the committee after some dramatic debate was unable to resolve the question and it has agreed to meet a half an hour from now not in this hall but in a hotel meeting room downtown in miami beach on the shore and it will meet into the night on this vexatious question which is becoming more difficult for the republicans to handle it has been dramatic it could be disruptive outside the hall here three thousand three thousand demonstrators have quietly assembled for this second session of the convention and here in the hall we expect various spectacles this evening and some speeches including the keynotes it looks as though we're setting a pattern here or observing a pattern being set the afternoon sessions of the republican convention will be for work and consequently our floor reporters will be doing more reporting then the evening sessions more of a political

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the evening sessions more of a political rally and i think that's what we're going to see here tonight with possibly some interruptions from that rules committee david john as you say they are discussing in very seriously the probable makeup of the republican conventions four years from now another question that might be raised is where on earth they will have it in san diego today where the republicans were to go until they changed their minds the san diegans were celebrating the fact they were not there because they really didn't want it didn't want the convention and in miami beach here the mayor of miami beach is saying he will never again offer a cent of the city's money to try to attract any political convention because he says they just don't pay off they don't spend enough money they drive away the regular tourists the threats of demonstrations scares people away and in the case of the democrats in any case they spent the nights here in the hall instead of being down on the beach spending money so whoever is in the convention next next time we don't know where it'll be we'll be back in a moment after this message from golf here we are back in convention hall in miami beach as the delegates are assembling for the session which is just now in its very opening seconds it's just beginning later on this evening we are going to hear three keynote speeches normally one person gives a keynote speech at a convention but tonight we are going to have three of them senator edward brooke of massachusetts mayor richard lugar of indianapolis and ann armstrong the co-chairman of the republican national committee all will give six minutes each keynote speeches there will be

uh a keynote film which will run for about 14 minutes there will be an address by the temporary chairman governor ronald reagan of california that will run we are told five minutes it will be preceded by a three-minute demonstration for governor

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three-minute demonstration for governor reagan we are reading from the master schedule of the convention and if you think this is being timed and scheduled as a presentation for those of you at home that's right it is uh we have one minute ten minute three and a half minute two and a half minute elements stretched out through the evening and we believe as the afternoon session did it will run pretty much on time uh senator hugh scott will be presenting various things here tonight including a tribute to great americans bob dole the senator from kansas who is the republican national chairman will also be making a tribute to great americans we are not yet sure who that will be one report in the hall is that the national chairman of the republican party will make a tribute to former president lyndon johnson of another party and former president harry truman of another party the theory behind this is that the democrats when they held their convention here paid no attention to lyndon johnson and harry truman and senator dole who is nothing if not a hard partisan fighter may actually talk about them here tonight we will also have from jimmy stewart the screen actor the introduction of a film on the first lady mrs nixon we will have two and a half minutes of the remarks by the first lady here tonight and at 10 46 p.m eastern standard time the stage manager will raise his hand and the second session of the republican national convention will be over or thereabouts anyway that's those are some of the things we'll have here tonight as we say against the more serious background of the convention's permanent committee on rules meeting on a serious dispute that's broken out over delegate selection four years from now and in this hall now filled with uh the one 1348 delegates to this convention 3 000 demonstrators we are told assembled quietly having a vigil outside so that's about

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having a vigil outside so that's about where we stand now on this we will try to bring you some of the deliberations of the rules committee when it does come back at uh in about 20 minutes but this is going to be a crowded evening to try to make any sense out of what goes on here in the hall as well as elsewhere around town but you can be assured that bill will be watching for that very very carefully in other news about the republicans the republicans were very cheered by a harris poll which came out today showing that president nixon had a an overall score of in his conduct of office of 59 percent approval to a 40 negative vote and yet that harris poll which has just been released also has some other things that it may not be as happy for the republicans as the overall rating 61 give the president an unfavorable rating on the areas of crime law and order 59 percent negative in the area of pollution unemployment a 68 percent not favorable rating for mr nixon and a 79 unfavorable rating on keeping down the cost of living on the war he also gets a 55 disapproval rating uh as we said earlier the rules committee fight here is probably the news story of the night and for a report on that here's tom pettitt john the rules committee erupted late this afternoon into charges and counter charges by the liberals and the conservatives mainly the southerners over the alleged railroading attempt on rule 30 that is the delegate allocation plan put together in a compromise the so-called miami compromise with efforts from the white house senator tower of texas congressman jack kemp of new york and subsequently modified somewhat but a plan which basically keeps the power balance of this party the same for the 76 convention as it is now there was an attempt to bring it to a

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there was an attempt to bring it to a quick vote and this really infuriated senator bob packwood of oregon and angered senator percy of illinois both of whom have been leading the fight to arrive at a more generous delicate allocation formula for more urban industrialized states or at least more uh liberal states now uh we're going to give you some highlights of the debate first uh senator packwood the chair's ruling that he is upholding that and there will be no further debate or amendment it's the chairs ruling that it's an order mr chairman i am respectfully going to appeal from the ruling of the chair if we are going to close debate on this

matter one simple way to do it is to vote down her motion and proceed to further amendments that's the same as an appeal from the chair you're asking us to vote this down without any further debate on the most significant issue that i don't understand i say to the gentleman apparently i say if the vote is against her motion we will revert to further consideration of the report and further amendments and discussion will be in order if the vote is in favor of promotion no more debate on rule 30 then the committee will have worked its will the chair will not have dictated the results i feel that what's happened in the last hour is not going to lead to unity it's not going to lead to harmony it's going to leave certain people embittered and they're going to feel they've been railroaded and it's going to be hard to convince some of us that there's a willingness to listen to all sides when we've seen what's happened just now there are some here who are running for president in this very room and they want to look to 76 to lay the groundwork ladies and gentlemen i'm not running for

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president uh i love my party if the gentleman will desist for just a moment please let's not have uh further demonstrations uh i presume that the the suggested candidate the gentleman was talking about is behind the rail there someplace well that was uh former congressman cramer chairman of the committee pointing out to congressman james quillen of tennessee that perhaps the expected candidate was outside the rail the man he was pointing at was jacob javits of new york the man congressman quillen was referring to i suspect was senator percy of illinois who's been mentioned as a possible challenger to spiro agnew in 1976 and these presidential politics are what this fight in the rules committee is all about it's an unexpected fight it was supposed to have been all cleaned up by late this afternoon but congressional republicans of a moderate to to liberal point of view namely senator packwood senator percy congressman steiger of wisconsin and some others felt that the proposed rule number 30 on delicate allocation was just being rammed through without adequate debate now to understand this you should know that there's been a rules committee meeting going on here in miami beach all week that's a subcommittee of the republican national committee which approved its recommendations and now this is an entirely new rules committee that's going at it tonight downtown in miami beach at the eden rock hotel they will resume in about 20 minutes and this debate could well foretell how the power will be distributed at the 1976 convention observers at the rules committee this afternoon concluded without a doubt that the southern conservative branch of the party has total control of that committee and that the liberals ultimately are doomed to lose whatever they try to do down there tonight but they are now irritated they are now uh convinced that they must

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they are now uh convinced that they must bring it to the floor of the convention for a fight and that should occur tomorrow afternoon john thank you tom we'll be hearing more about that story we'll have more of this convention session in just a moment after this word from gulf we're back in the convention hall the miami area is as well known as what is it two three hundred thousand cubic exiles living here giving the area very strongly and attractively spanish flavor about a thousand we are told now cuban exiles anti-castro exiles marched on the convention hall outside here tonight and confronted the other demonstrators who were out there for other purposes there was a little uh minor rough stuff and then the cubans marched away quietly and that apparently was the end of that the first session as we say is beginning going through the opening ceremonies no business as yet the republicans say they will have five sessions in all for a total by their estimate of 11 hours here in his convention hall by contrast the democrats were in session here for 38 hours about 20 of them after midnight douglas kiker has a report for us on the floor doug yes david thank you senator hugh scott of pennsylvania is president nixon's four manager here at this convention and of course he doesn't expect to have very much trouble in renominating his men however this afternoon sons of scott ran into an unexpected source of possible trouble and that also concerned rules just late today early today the rules committee voted that this convention be ruled by robert's points of rules of order and not the house of representative rules which was scheduled to be used this would have meant that the commit the convention would have been much more open that more people could have protested that there would have been more speeches and as senator scott told

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more speeches and as senator scott told me earlier he was afraid that it would cut into their television time that suddenly the republicans would end up looking like the democrats however this afternoon the rules committee did act on that they reversed themselves they are now voting to use the house rules of order but in 1976 they say they will use robert's rules of order this is douglas kiker now to cassie only four percent of the delegates at this convention fewer than 100 people are black and they aren't very happy about their small numbers here nor are they overjoyed about president nixon's programs for black that includes the president's programs to get black people into small businesses of their own today at a black caucus robert finch one of president nixon's closest advisers was told by these delegates just how they feel they said they aren't very happy and they want better treatment whether their outspokenness will go any further than this remains to be seen but it does seem that it is a beginning this is catherine mackin on the convention floor and now to garrett gutley there's quite a difference down here on the floor compared to the democrats who met in the same hall just a month ago and the difference is in the delegates first of all despite the crowded look here they're only half as many republican delegates 1348 the democrats have more had more than 3 000 and they're different kind of delegates uh both the democratic and the republican conventions had about 30 women but they're the similarity ends as cassie just mentioned they're very few blacks here and very few young people whereas the democratic party was the convention was dominated by young people in the presence of blacks those who have gathered here in miami beach are mostly middle-aged middle class and middle american they've come here with a different purpose not to partake in any party fights with the possible exception of the dispute over the rules committee but to renominate their candidates president nixon and vice president spiro agnew they're confident that the two men will win in november and so they're enjoying their stay here in miami beach and the work they're going to do here in a real sense this is more of a political rally than a political convention but none of the delegates here seems to object to that now

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object to that now up to the booth one of the other things that will be dealt with probably tomorrow by this convention is an effort on the part of a number of groups both conservative and liberal to strengthen the republican party platform attitude toward the draft the plank adopted by the platform committee here and due to be presented as part of the 25 000 word platform that'll come tomorrow afternoon says we are nearing the elimination of draft calls all together we expect to achieve our goal by july of 1973. well that language leaves open the possibility that there could be some sort of standby authority for the draft and a number of people are against that and it's an interesting alliance for example the young americans for freedom that's a conservative youth group in the republican party and the rip-on society which is a liberal organization made up of many young people have joined together to ask the convention to write and approve a stronger plank they want the plank to say no more draft and the reason for that is they're all young people and various other older people here at the convention had been advocating that but it looks as from here as though the convention leadership may be pushing away from that for example senator charles matthias of maryland earlier told us that he would press for a pledge to let this induction authority expire as scheduled by the middle of next year he said tonight he said well this movement has become iffy and senator richard schweiker of pennsylvania earlier had been carried in press reports as a sponsor for this measure and he said that his name had been used without permission so on this issue of the draft we are left within this hall and within the formal structure of this convention with the conservative young americans for freedom and the liberal rip-on society advocating for tougher

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rip-on society advocating for tougher language about the draft other people here in miami are interested in the draft and interested in the war and ann medina outside the hall now has a report on them well we can't get to her now uh part of our one of our knots has come untied in this electronic web so we'll be back after this word from gulp and now we're going outside the convention hall here in miami beach to ann medina the speeches are still going on and will continue for a couple of hours if the rain doesn't stop it and it is it is

raining or if the people don't leave then it looks like the people are still staying we're beginning now the george jackson memorial day program according to the program we'll be hearing from bobby seal the black panther party and from bill clinsler earlier there was the women's movement there's a series of speeches and unlike right now they were very serious they listened quietly there was hardly a stir unlike now they seem to sense that inside the republicans were getting down to their serious business and that outside some of the fun of fraud some not all some of the fun and frolic of the park was now over and the demonstrators and protesters would get down to their serious business ann medina nbc news outside convention hall back again as you uh as you know if you were with us during the democratic convention the names of lyndon b johnson and harry truman johnson in particular were barely mentioned at all and the picture of johnson the enlarged photograph of him was put in a dark corner almost entirely out of sight and nowhere

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almost entirely out of sight and nowhere in the official proceedings was he mentioned the republicans apparently noticed this too their uh chairman senator dole just said from the roster that he would like to join the other party in paying tribute to two americans who serve their country both those who supported them and those who did not presidents johnson and truman democrats certainly got the message douglas kiker has a report for him yes david thank you i'm here with senator charles percy who is one of the leaders in this fight within the rules committee this committee reconvenes in an hour what's going to happen then senator well the order of business will be then to take up the tower camp so-called miami compromise which i see has very little compromise in it and uh open that up four amendments what's happened so far is that we've had one up one down uh our side beside it was trying to open up uh and have representation in our future conventions based upon republican strength and where the people live uh was defeated once but we had an astounding victory uh when the tower camp uh unamended was decisively defeated by a vote of 62-41 but you're going to lose this fight eventually aren't you the rules committee is going to vote against you and you're going to have to take it to the floor will you take it to the floor if we feel that what is finally adopted by the rules committee does not represent the best interests of the state that i come from the state of illinois and the other major states in the union we will then take it to the floor but we'll make every possible effort to see if we can't resolve it in the rules committee would you settle on some sort of compromise in between i've always indicated that reasonable men can find a way to take into account differing uh opinions but when there was no compromise when there was no debate allowed and when it was take it or leave it this is it the whole

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is it the whole i would say two-thirds revolted against that concept one final question you was charged on the floor of the rules committee this afternoon that you were running for president in there and you were also trying to keep spiro avenue from getting the nomination no that's not at all too i heard the same thing back when we set a committee on program in progress up in 1959 everyone said interpreted that in the same way with no truth to it we're trying to build a more broadly based party to have the open door policy president nixon has enunciated we back him in that we just want to see it reflected in the rules thank you very much talking to senator charles percy now to tom pettitt doug we're here with senator barry goldwater who was the presidential nominee in 1964. senator you're giving a speech here tonight which we understand is uh billed as a blood and gut speech what are you going to tell this convention oh i wouldn't call it blood and guts i think it's a very nice speech what is it you're going to talk about about what what is right about america well i think if you wait and you'll hear it i i don't exactly remember what it's about is there some controversy between you and the white house people regarding the text of what you said we understand part of it was discarded or re-written or i wrote the speech myself and to my knowledge they haven't even seen it and i don't think they would knowing me i don't think they would suggest any changes and i don't think they'd want them senator you've been hearing all this talk about the rules committee fight i'm sure what's your feeling about that uh the talk of stopping agnew in 76 does that strike you as being somewhat familiar about the years when you were running for the nomination no i think four years off is a person is stupid to even think about things like that first of all i've never heard agnes say he wants to be president until he says that i'm not going to

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until he says that i'm not going to worry one way or the other he's a damn good vice president and i'm going to go out and work for him senator thank you another former candidate is speaking at the roster of mouth land and we're going up to listen to him that's alf landon who ran for president in 1936 he took maine and vermont in that year the democrats took all the rest he is nevertheless former governor of kansas i am deeply grateful for this this distinguished honor you do me that i shall long treasure we meet tonight in this convention in unity and enthusiasm for the women in the next election [Applause] a great president a great world leader richard nixon one good term deserves another [Applause]

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well former governor and former presidential candidate uh alf landon here endorsing the president and that's the kind of politics one might call leaving no stone unturned we'll be back after this message in gulf governor ronald reagan of california has been elected was this afternoon the temporary chairman of this convention it's getting to that point in the master schedule now where governor reagan will make his address to the convention this is something that has always taken place at conventions of both parties they're in a white jacket you see governor reagan of california the uh there's a bit of a demonstration going on on the floor of the california delegation all standing thank you ladies and gentlemen [Applause] [Music] governor reagan has been mentioned as a possible nominee in 1976 but his term as governor of california ends before that and he may run to the senate out there popularity in that state after being governor for some years is not as high as it used to be which is something that happens to governors all over the country so his political future at the moment is less than secure [Music] some of the young people here in the crowd have been shouting things you may have had difficulty hearing it and if they shout it again the chant is four more years four more

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the chant is four more years four more years four more years thank you ladies and [Applause] gentlemen that very loud concentrated sure thank you very much [Applause] is from a group of young uh young republicans [Music] at the end of the whole thank you for a very great honor and i thank these distinguished ladies and gentlemen who escorted me here to the podium if there is any doubt on the open door policy of the republican party let it be noted that you have just put the gavel in the hands of a former democrat now i'm delighted to be here in florida i'm also surprised i have a speech in my pocket welcoming you to san diego i also have some musky material that's not going to do me much good i even have a few clips about john lindsay i had them just in case you know aren't you proud of the way we took the blow of his leaving us [Applause] you know about 70 of you i've told are attending your first convention i think that i should warn you that this will be somewhat different than what you saw on television last month [Applause] now

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in [Applause] [Music] in real conventions like this one the elected delegates are allowed inside the hall as a matter of fact as a matter of fact you can even eat a lettuce salad without losing your credentials [Applause] and you might also be surprised to learn that we'll pick a vice president before we go home [Applause] four years ago we met in this same arena and chose a standard bearer for our party to paraphrase dickens it was the worst of times but not exactly the best of times we talked then with dread of long hot summers and accepted as commonplace the burning of cities and streets filled with shattered glass in some intellectual circles it was fashionable to denounce this most generous and compassionate society as sick with racism and greed in a far-off land more than 300 young americans were dying each week and here at home other young americans rioted and vandalized our institutions of higher education there has been a remarkable lessening of violence since january 20th 1969

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violence since january 20th 1969 and the last american combat team the last american combat team is on its way home from vietnam last month last month another convention was held in this hall and suddenly it seemed almost as if we were hearing a faint echo of those angry voices of a few years ago the coalition of revolutionary veterans and their uptown friends the porsche and poochie sets were riding again one wonders if the real meaning of this convention the convention that was held a month ago has been fully realized the truth is we have become a three-party system democrat republican and mcgovern [Applause] [Music] and only the latter two will have a candidate in the coming election millions of patriotic democrats were literally disenfranchised in the takeover of their party a former president of the united states was made into a non-person at that convention with no reference to his years of service to his party and his country the former vice president the titular head of the democratic party as the 1968 standard bearer was snubbed as an interloper dismissed with arrogant disrespect unprecedented in convention history as republicans hubert humphrey has been our opponent we have opposed

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has been our opponent we have opposed him as he worked for those things that he really believed in still we knew him to be an honorable man who never put party ahead of country and even in the partisan campaigning no republican ever treated him with the discourtesy with which he was greeted at the mcgovern convention their rhetoric their rhetoric was high-sounding phraseology of the new politics but the tactics were the old politics of boss-ism in the smoke-filled room although it's been reported that in some of the rooms the smoke filled us smoke smelled a little funny and finally whether by accident or design in the pre-dawn hours of darkness while most americans slept the takeover was completed the mcgovern party had named its candidate he was on television later than some of my pictures they didn't get around to naming the supporting cast until a few weeks after the convention when they'd had time to call central casting and run through the yellow pages [Applause] [Music] you know the high drama just think of the high drama that must have been at the moment of decision one can imagine the scene at hyannisport the families gathered around the coin is flipped and sergeant shriver [Applause] lost but the prairie populist had his man

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but the prairie populist had his man a man of the people we're told a man who understands the people's language he learned it talking to his butler our problem though is keeping up with the ever-changing pronouncements of the presidential candidate he's offered several solutions for every problem we have and some we don't have in fact the platform contains promises to do nine things that the president has already done or has proposed to congress and then a few days ago he announced that his economist would shortly present him with a program that he would definitely be committed to i assume that means he will stand behind it one thousand percent [Applause] which should give us about a week to look it over before he dumps it but one of his most unusual pronouncements was when he told businessman not to be alarmed if some of his proposals sounded too extravagant or radical because he was sure that congress wouldn't let him get away with them the budget bureau the budget bureau has actually priced out his partial list of promises without that thousand dollars that each of us are supposed to get the bill comes to a hundred and sixty four billion dollars a year added to the present budget it does however include the further socialization of medicine proposed by the junior senator from massachusetts who would add to medicare and medicaid 70 billion dollars worth of teddy care

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70 billion dollars worth of teddy care and now we're told that all this can be done a federal budget of 400 billion dollars without increasing the taxes on the working men and women of america there is no way this can be done without vastly increasing the tax burden on every person in this country if the senator doesn't know that he is incredibly naive if he does know it and persists in these extravagant utopian promises then he is guilty of a deception on a scale never before known in our political history but do you know do you know though we shouldn't waste our time it isn't really important to determine which of those two premises is

true if someone's setting fire to the house don't waste time trying to decide whether he's a deliberate artist arsonist or just a fellow being foolish with matches stop him before he burns the place down [Applause] we can no longer campaign on the political platitudes and the old-fashioned appeals to partisan loyalty the time has come to expose political myths to talk economic facts to the people and to have the confidence in the people not only that they are capable of understanding these facts but that they indeed are hungry to hear them in a political campaign there have always been those in our midst who would have us believe that someone else can be made to pay our share of the cost of government

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our share of the cost of government mcgovernites practice this kind of demagoguery tax business tax the rich close the loopholes will the plain truth is only people pay taxes and if tomorrow we confiscated all the profits of all the corporations in america we'd have less than a third of the price for the senator's promises the rich turn out in his definition to be all those people in america whose earnings are above twenty two thousand dollars a year just five percent of the earners in this land confiscate their earnings tax them at a hundred percent and you still haven't met the 164 billion dollar price tag and finally plugged the loopholes the demagoguery of this subject has contributed to the political mythology it has led many of our sons and daughters so sincere in their idealism to accept the fiction that our society is undercut by corruption and that some among us are victimized by government to provide undeserved privilege for others a hundred people with incomes of two hundred thousand dollars a year we're told paid no income tax actually it was a hundred and six but if this is proof that the tax structure is so structured that high earners are exempt then what about the other fifteen thousand one hundred people in the two hundred thousand dollar bracket who averaged paying a hundred and seventy seven thousand dollars apiece the truth is the so-called loopholes are the legitimate deductions without which the whole system would have long since proven unworkable and the working men and women would find the tax burden absolutely unbearable

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people below twenty thousand dollars a year took seventy six percent of the amount that was deducted for medical expenses and yet that is called a loophole the same wage earners made 65 of the contributions to church and charity and that is called a loophole but i have another question for senator mcgovern the tax structure is virtually the same as it has been for several decades if it is so outrageously unfair why didn't the senator in his 14 years in the congress make some effort to change it there has been one tax reform in recent decades it was the tax reform by president nixon in 1969 [Applause] and as a result of that reform million workers of the average family with incomes below five thousand dollars were relieved of paying any income tax at all at five thousand dollars the reduction was 66 percent at 10 000 it was 26 percent and only when you got into those high brackets where the mcgovernites would have you believe only the republicans dwell where the taxes increased seven and a half percent since 1969 the individual workers of america have paid 22 billion dollars less in taxes and corporations have paid almost 5 billion dollars more and still the average citizen works five months a year to pay the cost of government's federal state and local

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government's federal state and local the reform republicans want is one that will reduce the size the power and the cost of government because they are all too big we want the return of authority to those levels of government closest to the people that the president has been trying to get through an opposition congress the mcgovern party candidate declares his mission is to bring idealism to the executive leadership of our country well all of our lives have been richly richly treated by the idealists still webster defines an idealist as one who indulges in flights of fancy to be practical idealism must be accompanied by integrity the senator would go to hanoi and beg for the release of our prisoners in his idealism he believes that he would be granted humane and compassionate response but what if he's wrong president nixon's idealism caused him to say this nation will do whatever has to be done so long as one young american remains in enemy hands president president nixon's president nixon's idealism is such that he believes the people of south vietnam

should have an opportunity to live under whatever form of government and within whatever society they themselves choose and that's understandable to americans it's the dream that brought our own nation into being

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the senator the senator has been most vehement in his denunciation of what he calls the corrupt regime of south vietnam he seldom never expresses himself about the non-elected military dictatorship of north vietnam but he makes it plain that if there has been oppression in vietnam it has come under the government of the south now this tragic war that has been going on so many years has been seen by more people than any war in history it has been brought into our living rooms on a daily basis by television over and over again we have seen the horror and the bloodshed of war and we've seen the agony of that byproduct of war refugees thousands and thousands of refugees clutching their children of their few miserable belongings seeking a haven of refuge and safety and i would like to ask has anyone has anyone in all the tragic years of this war ever seen any of those refugees ever fleeing to the north [Music] they flee to the south in 1956 the then vice president richard and pat nixon visited some of the more than million refugees who had already fled the north to escape the communist regime the catholic bishop of danang states that another half million less fortunate have been executed or starved to death in north vietnam the president has repeatedly offered to end the killing to have a settlement without victory or

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to have a settlement without victory or defeat and then to turn the power of this country to help the rebuilding of both north and south vietnam that is idealism with integrity he inherited a full-blown war that had gone on almost seven years under two presidents and never once after taking office did he criticize his predecessors for their conduct of the war nor has he ever charged one of them with killing young americans for personal political ambition idealism with integrity is inheriting a runaway inflation and having the courage to tell us that the cure is going to hurt but that cure it he will inheriting an insanely escalating nuclear arms race and achieving the first significant treaty in arms limitation in over 50 years inheriting a country beset by international suspicions discord and hostility and moving it away from confrontation by going to the capitals of our potential enemies and meeting and conferring with them there sometimes when i look at what he's done i wonder who are the adult doom criers who have given those young people who are outside our hall tonight their distorted view of this their native land yes we've made mistakes as a nation but we have also accomplished more for our people than any other nation in history we have we have done more to advance the dignity of man in other parts of the world than any other nation that ever existed with whatever its imperfections whatever they may be in this less than perfect world the united states takes second to no nation in its genuine devotion to the principles of good neighborliness international generosity dedication to

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international generosity dedication to the pursuit of peaceful solutions of the world's problems a few weeks ago i had the privilege of meeting with the leaders of several european nations i met with them to carry a message from the president of the united states in meeting after meeting i heard these heads of foreign states say to me president richard nixon is the first american we've ever known who really understands the world situation and who is embarked on a realistic plan to bring peace to the world and then and then one of the leaders of one of our european allies said to me are you going to let him are you going to let president nixon be interrupted in what he is doing for if you are it will be a catastrophe for all the rest of us in all the world that i submit is the kind of idealism that others only talk of and that i submit is our responsibility and the responsibility of millions of patriotic democrats and independents that we see that this man who has held out such a realistic hope for peace is allowed to complete his mission in the next four years thank you

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[Music] [Applause] oh [Music] governor ronald reagan of california giving what sounded like a keynote speech at this convention but actually it was not it was just a speech speech it had some of the more interesting things that i've heard in 20 years of political coverage i never thought i would sit in a hall and listen to ronald reagan have kind words in public for hubert horatio humphrey the world indeed is a changing we'll be back after this word nbc news continues its coverage of the 1972 republican national convention brought to you by the golf oil corporation we've just heard a speech by governor ronald reagan of california who in a moment is going to introduce a film a keynote film it is something new in in political conventions while he was

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in political conventions while he was while he was speaking we'll go down to the roster now think back with me to a very different america the america of 1968 and watch this filmed record of what has happened since then in 1968 the united states of america faced a crisis of confidence an incredibly complicated set of problems lay in wait for the man who would next occupy this house [Music] richard nixon 1968 a man of deep experience as congressman senator vice president he knew the problems and was prepared to attack them [Music] he comes to the presidency with a carefully conceived program to set a new course for america his method is strikingly suited to the complex tasks ahead he will meet each issue with determination weigh all the evidence think through to his decision and then act this is a man committed to change but change without chaos top priority goes to changing united states policy in vietnam where massive involvement had become an american nightmare he was quick to see and attack the problems of poverty and lack of opportunity in an affluent land he saw that the welfare system was a disastrous mess and insisted it should be replaced to save a corroding environment he marshaled the forces of government against the malignancy of pollution a massive assault was launched against crime and drug abuse the cost of living was skyrocketing take-home pay was shrinking this had to be stopped the problems were many the need for action urgent yet because of congressional delays the president's carefully planned timetable met with frustrating roadblocks some of the president's most important initiatives were held up by congress

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initiatives were held up by congress at one point more than 90 of his major proposals were awaiting action [Music] as agreements are hammered out and roadblocks overcome the president's plan begins to make progress toward reality now as is usually the custom i will sign this with one pen but in spite of the fact this is one of the rather larger groups for a signing ceremony i have pins for everybody who is here and particularly pens for the members of the house and the senate who are here just to remind them that when they support a bill they get a pen he is determined to change the role of the united states in vietnam before his presidency there were 549 000 united states troops stationed there and more americans are marching into the bloody jungle war every day the president's plan is firmly based on his dedication to building a lasting peace by mid-1972 a half million men are withdrawn from vietnam yet the president will not be satisfied until every american is safely back home abandoning our commitment in vietnam here now would mean turning 17 million south vietnamese over to communist terror it would mean leaving hundreds of american prisoners in communist hands with no bargaining leverage to get them released the president's assault on crime is fierce the rate of increase in serious crime is the lowest in 10 years and in 80 major cities actually reduced the problem has not vanished but criminals are being driven off the streets the nixon administration makes the control of illicit drugs a matter of policy the president wins international

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the president wins international agreements with 20 countries to fight production and processing his goal is to eradicate illegal heroin traffic and simultaneously spend whatever is needed to educate treat and rehabilitate drug addicts this is one area where we cannot have budget cuts because we must wage what i have called total war against public enemy number one in the united states the problem of dangerous drugs another public enemy that continued to prey on the people was the constantly increasing cost of living pressures of inflation mounting for seven years kept pushing prices higher quietly the president begins a

penetrating investigation of economic concepts designed to control inflation he studies every option considers every argument but in the end the decision is his i am today ordering a freeze on all prices and wages throughout the united states cramping controls on the economy is a difficult decision enforcing them is complicated but the president has the support of the people by the summer of 1972 the president's policy is producing the best economic thrust in years inflation is cut in half the buying power of the dollar goes up although some economic problems still remain unemployment still exists the economy is producing more jobs than ever before the president proposes an important tax reform to congress share federal revenues with states and communities put money where the problems are let us share our resources let us share them to rescue the states and localities from the brink of financial crisis proposing cuts in federal bureaucracy he calls for a new american revolution to reform and renew government at all levels as a former governor who has sympathy for local problems vice president spiro agnew works closely with the president in implementing new federal responses to state

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state and local needs in his tragedy murder in the cathedral t.s eliot wrote clear the air clean the sky wash the wind i have proposed to the congress a sweeping and comprehensive program to do just that the first government agency in history to deal exclusively with environmental problems is established tough and realistic standards are set and enforced the elderly are a special and deep concern of the president for no nation he says should ever forget its parents social security benefits are increased by more than 50 percent [Applause] the president earmarks 100 million dollars for urgent research on cancer to find a cure he is prepared to ask for whatever is needed in a total national commitment in filling government jobs the president has one basic guideline get the best people presidential staff assistant barbara franklin is assigned to recruit women for important positions what has happened is that we've we've tripled the number of women in top jobs and we've moved another thousand women into middle management jobs but i think the most important part of this is that most of these women are in jobs that no woman has ever held before for years richard nixon campaigned for a lower voting age as president he achieves that goal we are certifying the 26th amendment to the constitution of the united states that amendment as you know provides for the right to vote of all of our young people between 18 and 21 11 million new voters as a result of this amendment there's also a breakthrough for the arts the government contribution doubles one evening at the white house belongs to duke ellington

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ladies and gentlemen please don't go away was asking earlier if i would play and i said i had never done so yet in the white house but it did occur to me as i looked at the magnificent program prepared for us that one number was missing you see this is his birthday now duke ellington is ageless but would you all stand and sing happy birthday to him and please in the key of g [Music] in the art of diplomacy the president moves to replace confrontation with negotiation his meeting with china's premier chauwin lai opens a line of communication that had been closed for a quarter of a century he is the first american president ever to visit china it is a momentous occasion for the president the meeting fulfills a need he foresaw more than a year before his election he knew that one of the most urgent tasks would be the establishment of a new relationship with communist china at the great wall the president sees one symbol of the gulf to be bridged built more than 2 000 years ago it is a symbol not only of china's ancient independence but also of her ancient isolation differences rooted in history are overshadowed by the needs of the urgent present in a meeting with chairman mao zedong fundamental differences are frankly acknowledged the president however remains determined to find a common ground upon which the two nations can build a lasting peace

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as the meetings begin to bear fruit there are agreements which carry substantial hope the united states and china will expand cultural educational and journalistic ties they will work to begin and broaden trade new lines of communication will be kept open and expanded and they agree that dispute should be settled without

threats of force for the first time in almost 23 years china and the united states are on speaking terms [Music] i express my appreciation to my chinese voice to mrs chung i listened to her translation she got every word right russia the next move in the president's global plan is to improve relations with the soviet union after more than two years of careful preparation he arrives as the first american president to enter the kremlin [Music] results are concrete and immediate agreements involve the environment space medicine technology and trade new agricultural and industrial ties carry the potential of creating three million new jobs for american workers most important of all is the president's signing of the strategic arms limitation treaty a giant step for peace on may 28 1972 the president of the united states prepares to speak to the russian people it is a unique moment in history yesterday i laid a wreath at the cemetery which commemorates the

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at the cemetery which commemorates the brave people who died during the siege of leningrad in world war ii at the cemetery i saw the picture of a twelve-year-old girl she was a beautiful child her name was tanya the pages of her diary tell the terrible story of war in the simple words of a child she wrote of the deaths of the members of her family and then finally these words the last words in her diary all are dead only tanya is left [Music] as we work toward a more peaceful world let us think of tanya and of the other kindness and their brothers and sisters everywhere let us do all that we can to ensure that no other children will have to endure what time you did and that your children and ours all the children of the world can live their full lives together [Music] an encouraged nation welcomes the president home from his journeys [Music] richard nixon came to the presidency with a purpose to bring order out of the chaos he inherited and he's getting the job done with

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and he's getting the job done with immense energy skill and experience he is changing the government's role in the country and the country's role in the world to lead a great nation forward to new greatness america needs president nixon now more than ever we have just seen uh you have just seen on your television screens at home the keynote film prepared for the republican convention but in the hall through what may be one of the more intriguing production errors in american politics you've just seen tomorrow night's film that's what they've had on in the hall that film called nixon the man was due to be shown at tomorrow night session the networks nbc among them obtained a copy of the right film in advance so you could see it more clearly at home and i don't think the delegates in the hall who are roundly applauding the film you've just seen know they've seen the wrong film they probably don't know the difference they're both heavily republican films and either one was probably all right for the purpose now the question is will they show the wrong film on television tomorrow night and the right film in the hall or vice versa it's a high point it's a decision that has to be made fred fred weinstein who is in charge of uh the this aspect of the convention for the republicans was being interviewed the other day and he said he was arranging all this and was very careful worried about goof-ups and he said if it didn't work he'd just be crossing the mexican border on thursday morning on thursday morning we might see where he is i think we ought to check on him i'm sure mr reinstein is going to make a full and thorough investigation of this anyway the interesting thing and

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of this anyway the interesting thing and the really human thing about it is that in one of the most carefully prepared finely honed campaign schedules convention schedules we have ever seen they showed the wrong film well anyone who has ever helped put together a careful meticulous television program knows how that happens yes it was all right leaving here we'll be back after seeing what we hope will be the right film from golf while we were talking here we were informed that the high policy decision has been made the decision is that tomorrow night tuesday night the republicans will show the wrong film on the networks and the wrong film in the auditorium and so it will therefore if i have that right it will be the right on the network since the network's carried the right filters we carry the right film tonight and we'll carry the right film tomorrow night but the delegates will see the wrong film tomorrow is that right as they saw it tonight okay as brinkley said this is the only sneak preview and political convention history um the next uh next item on the program and there's

a little pause i think before we get to it is this year's this convention year's version of the keynote speech which in fact is plural our plural instead of one longish speech they're going to have three short ones as you mentioned a few minutes ago jack senator brooke and two others making six-minute speeches instead of is that it six minutes that's right there's six instead of uh one long speech of 20 or 30 minutes so as to get a faster pace and more variety and more people involved one thing one thing to watch for in this is mayor richard lugar of indianapolis he has there has been quite a lot of talk about mayor lugar at the convention

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talk about mayor lugar at the convention as there has been in the past he is one of richard nixon's favorite urban politicians in the united states had a great deal to do with the conference of mayors is a favorite of the presidents in many ways and is mentioned prominently as a vice presidential choice four years from now the fact that he was or maybe even better than that and the fact that he was put on the keynote roster here of these three speeches is regarded as politically significant so he's a man to watch he'll be on second john in addition to that a lot of his friends were mentioning him rather frequently as a possibility for vice president this year that's right a few weeks ago and mr agnew was known not to like this very much he's an attractive man and he represents an urban constituency miami beach this week has been full of signs on the sides of cars in the various hotels called indianapolis the all-american city they held a large ornate reception for mayor lugar here a few nights ago in one of the hotels so if the word is applicable mayor lugar is not only getting the treatment but probably helping it along himself with due modesty as is called for in american politics should this office fall to me i will consider to serve incidentally the lights were out during that film uh one of the reasons that the lights do go out sometimes is to make the films shown here easier to see in the hall but with the republicans as well as with the democrats they turn out the lights so that should we want to check on doings on the floor with our floor reporters the we can't see them with the cameras and the democrats have admitted to me that they did it for just that reason and i'm sure we'll be finding that from time to time at this convention as well we have thought of supplying garrett cutley with a lantern a miner's lantern a miner's cap might do to do that we're waiting now for ronald reagan to introduce the rest of the keynoters and i think he's coming up to do it now he's back on the rest that restroom by

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he's back on the rest that restroom by the way you've had a good look at it we'll get we'll get to that in a few minutes clear the aisles please and return to your seats ladies and gentlemen that motion picture which you just saw we want you to keep it a deep dark secret when you leave the hall we don't want you to tell anyone on the outside of the convention hall about anything that you saw on the screen because due to a slight error the film that you saw in the hall was the film that was supposed to have been shown on the networks and they were showing the net the film on the networks that we were supposed to be showing in the hall so tomorrow night in here you're going to see the film that the folks back home sought just now and the folks back home are going to see the one that you just saw in here now if you've got that all straightened out in your mind we have no fears about our success in winning the coming election [Applause] ladies and gentlemen in keynoting this convention we have three individuals for you to meet the commonwealth of massachusetts has established a long tradition of excellence in the caliber of the men that had sent to the united states senate over the years and one of our keynote speakers tonight is a man who epitomizes the finest in that tradition he has established himself as a leading champion of equal rights for all americans

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rights for all americans as well as of arms control and peaceful negotiations among nations his election to the senate in 1966 with more than 60 percent of the vote in a state where the democrats hold a two-to-one registration advantage stands as a landmark republican example of what a superior candidate with a dedicated organization can accomplish against long odds we are confident that he will be re-elected by an even bigger margin this year i am honored and pleased to introduce a senior citizen from massachusetts

senator edward ed w brooke [Music] [Applause] okay [Music] mr chairman delegates and friends this convention has met to renominate and help re-elect richard nixon president of the united states it is the privilege of every american to

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it is the privilege of every american to differ with his president but it is the obligation of every american to be fair in judging a president's performance fully aware of these differences i welcome the opportunity to say that in my opinion the american people should re-elect the president and with as little rhetoric as possible i want to tell you why one simple thing about richard nixon's administration stands out above all others through his diplomacy this president has actually done more to establish a lasting world peace than any president or any national leader in our lifetime it may be true that the time for leadership has been right but it is also true that the president's leadership has been right for the times the door to china and its 800 million people are open that took bold and decisive leadership relations with the soviet union are moving from the promise of mutual fear to the promise of mutual respect and that took bold and decisive leadership agreements have been reached to limit deadly nuclear weapons that took bold and decisive leadership barriers are coming down in berlin as tensions ease in central europe that took bold and decisive leadership in the middle east the quest for peace

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in the middle east the quest for peace has produced at least the absence of war we have helped israel defend her borders and seek peace with their arab neighbors that too has taken bold and decisive leadership and on vietnam as well while some differ on certain aspects of his policies and i am one of them all americans should give richard nixon due credit he did not send the troops over there he brought them home [Applause] he did not allow the casualty figures to climb he has brought them down he did not get us into this war he has been getting us out but world peace means little if america is not at peace with itself in the 1960s americans began to lose confidence in the ability of government to govern many came to doubt whether our society would be able to improve the quality of life feed and house our people protect them from crime find jobs for the unemployed provide security for the elderly and give purpose to the young and above all sure justice for everyone but there has been a change over the past four years there has been a recovery of confidence the politics of empty promise has been replaced by a quiet determination to deliver the politics of piecemeal remedies has been replaced with proposals for fundamental reform

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proposals for fundamental reform the politics of dependence has been replaced with a commitment to help every person achieve the opportunity for self-reliance and the dignity of self-respect true progress in building an international structure for peace requires the end of war we are at that threshold true progress in building america requires confidence in ourselves we are at that threshold and so we confront an unparalleled opportunity a generation of peace that can mean a generation of human progress as well we have looked back tonight on four years of republican accomplishments but the american people will not give our party their support just to reward us for what we have done in the past past is important most of all because of what it promises for the future four years from now we will commemorate the 200th anniversary of the united states what kind of america will we be i see in america self-confident and at peace i see an america respected for its leadership in a stable world i see in america deep into its agenda of justice and opportunity for all of our people this is our hope this is our challenge well senator brooke of massachusetts the first of three short keynote

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the first of three short keynote speeches the second by our schedule will be by mayor luger of indianapolis member of our keynote team this evening is a young man who's currently serving in his second term as mayor of america's tenth largest city having won re-election last fall with the largest winning margin in his

city's history including over 75 percent of the youth vote he is a former he is a former road scholar naval officer businessman and farmer and has served for the past year as president of the national league of cities he is a respected spokesman for and practitioner of the very best in workable new approaches to the urban challenge he has represented the president not only across this country but also within the nato community and this is particularly dear to my heart he has actually reduced the property tax in his city for the last four consecutive years i am proud to present to this convention the mayor of indianapolis indiana mayor richard g lugar governor reagan my fellow republicans men and women all over the world

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our words and deeds are heard round the world our world is small and compact we are linked together by miraculous technology we are united by the remarkable historical search of mankind for justice and freedom and a vital sense of hope and expectation for the future let us sound forth a keynote of freedom for all persons a keynote of genuine interest in all persons who enjoy life and responsibility under god we believe in the goodwill of the united states of america we believe in the institutions of our republic and in our sincere attempts to perfect them we believe that individual human beings have dignity and honor and that we are building moral and physical strength together we need to state and affirm these keynote statements in order that all citizens can make an exuberant and enthusiastic republican choice in the election of 1972. you you have heard from senator edward brooke some of the things that we will do what we will do for the people of america now let me cite some of the things we will not do things we will not do to the people of america for those who are prepared to choose the republican party let us consider carefully but strongly reject one by one those suggestions or promises

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one by one those suggestions or promises made by our opposition which would be wrong for america and wrong for men and women all over the world we will not adopt isolationism we will not forget our lies and then pretend that we can come home to america to enjoy ourselves free from care or concern about the world we will not triple our army our navy and our air force and then will not pretend that we are still strong and able to defend our country and assist our allies we will not negotiate with our enemies by begging crawling to the negotiation table or suggesting we are too weary to care about a generation of peace we will not abandon to the whim of the enemy our prisoners of war we will not abandon the whim of our enemy our men who are missing in action we will not abandon brave friends in south vietnam at a time when an honorable peace must be assured and is close at hand we will not abandon friends in europe in the middle east in latin america in africa in asia or elsewhere in the

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in africa in asia or elsewhere in the world who know that our presence and interest is the bedrock certainty on which peace exists now day by day in serving the united states of america we will not confiscate the property that hard working parents seek to pass on to their children we will not permit radical new taxation plans to flatten hard-working americans of modest or moderate income and will not be fooled that this comes under the guise of soaking the rich or redistributing income we will not perpetuate welfare into a way of life will we promise one thousand dollars a year out of someone else's pocket for each man woman and child we will not allow the fiction that a central government knows best on all subjects and should attempt to dictate local policies in matters of local public education safety health transportation and environment now we have stated those things which we will not do because we believe that the opposition candidate for president threatens radical change in each of these areas through deliberate or inadvertent action he must be defeated resoundingly to prevent unparalleled disaster at home

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to prevent unparalleled disaster at home and abroad between what we will do and what we will not do we offer the clearest choice in this century president nixon asks a chance to complete the work that he has begun the work of preparing for a generation of peace of prosperity and justice at home and abroad we ask each citizen to give the president that chance the republican party has not been captured by a minority wing of radicals or reactionaries we are a party inspired by the greatness of lincoln we stand in reverence of those who have served long and well we are extreme in one sense only we are extremely eager to attract all who have heard the good news of president nixon's leadership and achievements the president knows and cares deeply about each one of us he and vice president spiro agnew have come to our states our counties our cities our towns and indicated their faith in us and their trust in the stability and future of this country go forth and shout the good news the world everywhere wants to hear that there is hope that we shall live in peace that we cherish freedom everywhere that we care about one another now inspired by the president we shall win

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inspired by the president we shall win the election of 1972 we shall win four precious years we shall win for the president and we shall win for precious years to give more generously of ourselves ladies and gentlemen to conclude this keynote presentation it is now my pleasure and privilege to introduce a very gracious lady and a very dynamic political leader from the lone star state of texas she's a wife a wife and a mother of five she likes to describe herself not as exceptional but as typical typical of the contributions which women can make through hard work and dedication within our american political system starting at the bottom of the ladder as a republican volunteer she has come up step by step holding a wide range of party positions culminating with their selection as national committee woman for texas in 1968 and then as co-chairman of the republican national committee in 1971. tonight she becomes the first woman ever to keynote a national convention of a major political party in the united states ladies and gentlemen

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ladies and gentlemen i give you the co-chairman of our party mrs ann l armstrong [Applause] thank you thank you [Music] mr chairman delegates so many republican friends [Music] tonight i speak to thousands of republicans here in this convention hall and countless others across the country but in my part of this keynote presentation i want to do something unusual perhaps unprecedented i would like to reach out and speak most directly to democrats to those millions of democrats who are terribly concerned about what happened to their party here in miami beach five weeks ago i think i can understand your concern because i was once a democrat too

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because i was once a democrat too i grew up in a democratic state the daughter of a family with deep roots and democratic politics surrounded by democratic friends in college i spoke up for harry truman because he was direct and decisive and because he stood up for america and yet in 1952 i crossed party lines to vote for the republican candidate for president and vice president it was a very critical time in our history and i felt i should vote on the basis of leadership rather than party so i voted for dwight eisenhower and our dynamic young california senator named richard nixon the peace the prosperity and the national unity which they promised came true over the next eight years and i remained a republican tonight i say to democrats throughout our country that the reasons for making that change for putting country above party are 20 times what they were 20 years ago we have a choice before us that transcends personality and partisanship alike it was thomas jefferson coming to the presidency after a crucial and bitterly contested election victory who told his countrymen we are all republicans we are all federalists that remains as true in this day as in his there are no party lines when it comes to matters as fundamental as fair play and moderation in the political process in matters as basic as the need for a

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in matters as basic as the need for a strong national defense as vital as firmness and honor in the conduct of our foreign affairs in these things truly we are all republicans and we are all democrats yet suddenly we find ourselves in the midst of a presidential campaign where the battle lines are drawn on precisely these issues a small group of radicals and extremists has assumed control of the national democratic party taking its name but repudiating its principles the sudden storm of mcgovern has devastated the house of jackson of wilson roosevelt and kennedy and millions of democrats now stand homeless in its wake as you democrats learn about your nominees plans to turn america upside down every day it becomes clearer that senator mcgovern differs far more sharply from both great parties than the two great parties differ from each other never before in this century have two major party candidates for president been so diametrically opposed on the basic issues but if the candidates of the two parties stand farther apart than ever that very fact means that the people of the two parties are drawn closer together and so we say to you tonight to you millions of democrats deserted by mcgovern and his extremists we are the party of the open door our door is open to everyone

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our door is open to everyone ours is a door that opens both ways not just for us to reach out to you but for you to reach in and share with us your problems your ideas your convictions your dreams may i ask you something in the next few days will you take just one hour to think deeply about the choice that you will make on november 7th think about president nixon's record listen to president nixon and what he has to say about the future of our country when he speaks to us all on wednesday evening and then ask yourself the basic question which of these men george mcgovern or richard nixon do i want to lead my country for the next four years i think the answer of the overwhelming majority of americans will be richard nixon come in and join us come in behind a president who speaks up for all americans who is taking us up the broad middle road to progress who is restoring order and justice reason and self-confidence who is bringing us together i'd like to end on a personal note as i traveled across this country i found that most americans agree about certain qualities of president nixon that he's intelligent that he's hardworking that he's shown

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that he's hardworking that he's shown courage in making hard decisions that he is calm and reasonable and decisive but there's another quality of president nixon that many people are not aware of president nixon cares about people both he and pat grew up knowing what it was to be poor they worked their way through school and supported others in their families they've known heartbreaking failures as well as success despite the terrific strains of the presidency this man is warm and thoughtful he listens to others i know how he drives himself working into long nights and into the mornings separated so often from the family he loves making terribly difficult and lonely decisions knowing that many of them will be unpopular why why because he cares about the people of our country and of the world he cares about bringing us together across regions and races and generations across continents and oceans he is bringing the people of the world together not just in the old ways with treaties to prevent war but in new positive ways never dreamed of before with new agreements for health and the environment and science even under the seas and into space president nixon cares he is giving the very best of his being to the most compassionate goal of all a generation of peace let's join hands to help him

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let's join hands to help him together we can serve a noble cause a cause of helping a great peace president a great reforming president a great leader and unifier of all americans to go forward with the task of healing and building that matters so much to this country so much to all mankind thank you very much mrs ann armstrong whose home address incidentally is the armstrong ranch in armstrong texas her husband is a rancher there she's the first woman ever elected co-chairman of the republican party transportation secretary volpe we are told is going nowhere recognizes the delegate from massachusetts [Music] mr chairman the honorable secretary of transportation governor john bolton mr chairman i rise to comment on the addresses

just concluded by our great senator from massachusetts edward brooke by the dynamic mayor of indianapolis dick lugar but with specific emphasis on the remarks of mrs armstrong back in my home state of massachusetts the late john f kennedy once commented that party unity sometimes demands too much he once wrote and i quote him we cannot permit the pressures of party responsibility who submerged the call of personal responsibility very frankly mr chairman it was that sort of attitude that made president kennedy one of history's most effective vote-getters let me say a word that stems from personal experience i am the son of a

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personal experience i am the son of a talented immigrant and it was the republican party that opened the door to me and nominated me to become their standard bearer in my state and for want to serve three terms as governor and the same door was opened by the republican party to my good friend and colleague senator ed brooke i know i know ed brooke knows and thinking americans know that a voter's conscience can and should on occasion override patty allegiance such an occasion faces the nation right now in 1972 and in that right mr chairman and to reinforce what ann armstrong has said so well i want this invention to go on record making her invitation a matter of official policy of the republican party i offer the following resolutions whereas the republican party and the democratic party have traditionally been united in the past by their support for a strong national defense and honorable foreign policy and a free enterprise economic system above and beyond all other issues which may have divided them and whereas the new leaders of the democratic party have this year moved far from the traditional common ground of american politics including that of the democratic party and whereas president nixon and this convention have declared the republican party to be the party of the open door now therefore be it resolved by this convention that all democrats who have been excluded or deserted by the new leaders of their own party

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the new leaders of their own party are hereby formally and officially invited to join with us this year in the work of advancing america by re-electing the president and that we extend to them a warm and hearty welcome mr chairman the delegates from the commonwealth of massachusetts the cradle of american liberty called for immediate option of this resolution by voice vote of the convention you have heard the question the question that we formally invite our democratic friends to join us in the election re-election of president nixon you've heard the question all those in favor signify by saying aye opposed to thank you secretary john they're even occasionally still is a democratic political side if anybody had wanted to vote no maybe some conservatives might have their voice certainly would have been heard he said the eyes and we heard that he said the nays and the band played that's an example of what kind of convention this is here [Music] secretary volpe's resolution from the floor being one of the unspontaneous spontaneous manifestations of support for the president here tonight while all this goes on the convention rules committee is laboring into the night and perhaps it will labor through the night at the eden rock hotel trying to solve the only

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eden rock hotel trying to solve the only question unresolved here of any importance with the white house fighting hard to avoid any kind of dispute on this convention floor at all they may work all night we'll be back after this we're back in hall where the uh republican symphony has switched over did a minute ago the playing of yes sir she's my baby which is far more familiar than a political hall republican political role john i noticed in looking down here that the illinois and florida delegations are both in a sort of uniform orange blazers in illinois it's the color of the state flag one of them and in a florida course of oranges it's the same color hunters wear when they're in the woods to avoid being mistaken for deer suppose they could use them in the fall yes i would think so they paid 66 dollars for them in illinois and that one was asked if he minded the price and he said oh no after the convention we could wear them anyway garrick headley is on the floor and has a report for us down here with one of the famous names in the republican party and also a prominent figure in his own right senator robert taft of ohio senator taft despite all the harmony and unity here on the

floor there is of course this fight over the rules the 1976 convention which some people describe as being between liberals and conservatives where do you stand in this dispute well i am in the position of standing for getting as many delegates for ohio as we possibly can get i don't really view it as a liberal conservative fight at all i think it's a matter of doing equity representing the republican effort republican strength of the various states i don't want to rule out the small state but frankly i think the larger ones are getting shortchanged and if we're going to open up the republican party and get the kind of broad representation we want i think it's going to be absolutely vital to see to it that we give a better shake to the larger states if this should come to the floor tomorrow in a floor fight will you be

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tomorrow in a floor fight will you be active in it i would be very glad to be active in it if the occasion arises i hope it will be worked out on a fair and equitable basis short of that the rules committee is presently working on that approach as i understand it thank you very much senator robert taft of ohio now over to cassie mackin this is george wiley the executive director of the national welfare rights organization mr wally i know you don't have credentials and you're not supposed to be in on this convention before how did you get in here well the only way anybody who's poor can get into this convention is to sneak in because there are no poor delegates in this convention uh the average income people's over fifty thousand dollars uh and they got like 25 50 percent of people make over 25 000 i mean how can you uh how can poor people get any kind of a hearing if you've been a lot more quiet at this republican convention last week and leading up to the beginning of the convention and you were at the democratic convention why don't you try to change the republicans well one of one of the things we've done is we have used all the processes of this party we have tried to testify before the committees we have tried to get into the caucuses we tried to get before the state delegation we tried to get a hearing in every legitimate way and we have been turned down i think our ultimate answer may be in november thank you mr wally the executive director of the national welfare rights organization and now to the podium and everyone watching to know how proud i am to be here tonight james stewart if he needs to be introduced movie actor just introduced by ronald reagan another former movie to be just a small part of this convention that's going to nominate richard nixon for another four years in the white house with our greatest and lovely first lady pat nixon by his side [Applause] i've known and admired the president miss nixon

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miss nixon for many years and i know pat to be that wonderful lady who doesn't make a lot of noise when she chips in she doesn't make a big fuss over doing something good to help people she doesn't cry hey look what i'm doing every time she lends her heart and her support to good causes no sir pat nixon just isn't that kind of a first lady but i'll tell you the kind of a first lady she is she's the kind that waits in the way always there always ready to help her husband and her country and for that we should be eternally grateful to pat nixon and now i would like all of you to join me in watching a brief film about mrs nixon and as you watch it i know you'll feel as i do proud and grateful that our country and you and i are blessed with such a warm and wonderful first lady who sets such a fine example for all [Music]

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and now i'm in a bit of an awkward position because i have to welcome her back officially and i also have to welcome her back personally i asked our chief of protocol ambassador mousebacker how i should address her and so he wrote me a memorandum she said you could call her mrs nixon or you could call her madame ambassador but i guess i'll just call her pat welcome home pat for 32 years it is a partnership forging a political career together bringing up a family together the bond strengthens with the years she believes in it she's always there companion help mate campaigner they share on the joy of victory but their bond is also tempered in the crucible of defeat this trend does continue and he does become our next president that he will have my whole heart of support and then she shares the triumph of 68 the nation welcomes a new president and a new first lady [Music] pat knows that the white house is many things center of official

ceremony executive headquarters but more than at any time before it is the place where the people are welcome at every reception guests find the first lady a hostess of dignity and warmth in their first two years the

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and warmth in their first two years the president and his first lady entertained 13 000 guests at dinner alone pat is the president's lady and more out of her desire to serve from her deep interest and rapport with people she emerges as a force in her own right [Music] her ready warmth extends itself across the nation when the president begins his legacy of parks program that's turning the idle government land into recreational areas pat goes there participating in the fight [Applause] oh my goodness how marvelous and we wish you good luck you know i'm going to be able to oh you know maybe how to have this for a golf ball daddy wants to get a picture of you okay now you laugh at that pat nixon comes to mclean virginia fort custer fort snelling medford oregon the first lady elegant but never aloof reachable [Music] [Applause] a new park at borderfield california is cause for a visit to another country a fence separates the mexican people just a few feet away but they extend their welcome and she extends hers [Music] orders the fish taken down then and there later there are other hands that stretch out to pat a rubella stricken child seeking comfort and others equally in need from the

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and others equally in need from the deprived to the infirm symbolizes a nation's concern [Music] and that concern extends toward the victims of peru's terrible earthquake in july 1970 pat asked if she could come they said yes please and she brings not only money but plain loads of precious medical supplies and aid in another way her very presence lends comfort they know what she feels is real she too his wife mother parent and to this parent comes the special joy of trish's wedding in the white house lovely as befits the first lady and the president's daughter and now she is officially made madame ambassador the first president's lady in history to be so named she travels to africa as his representative to talk to the heads of state she will brief them on the president's forthcoming trip to china and the soviet union in liberia ghana the ivory coast she meets the leaders and she meets the people [Music] to common man and to the exalted there is the same gentle directness the same human warfare and they take her to their hearts [Music]

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what pat nixon has seen and heard are a part of her mind and heart and she will bring the report to the president she will leave behind the legacy of affection a renewed friendship between three african nations and her own the trips to china and the soviet union are a new beginning in international diplomacy the president and his first lady go there together it's very difficult for anybody in public life to be in the public eye all the time and uh to maintain poise character to be an example so to speak but i don't think there was ever a moment when she was not the first lady in her public appearances [Music] on foreign visits accompanying the president the first lady lends the quality only she can while he negotiates the somber affairs of state she shows the softer side her rapport with people her interest in them creates an atmosphere of affection and trust she represents best the president's policy of reconciliation the desire for a people-to-people bond that reinforces the universal desire for peace on her return from the russian fifth pat is welcomed by congress in an outpouring of enthusiasm and appreciation that quality which is pat nixon's to give is received by all

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give is received by all and return full measure [Music] she has been by his side and she has been his ambassador through half a million miles 75 countries in every state of the union from their bond has emerged this new force in diplomacy for good will for concern madam ambassador or pat she embodies something of this country at its best a touch of the american dream well now that you've met pat nixon on film i'm indeed proud to introduce you to her in person mr chairman delegates friends of america everywhere i give you the first lady of our land the first lady of our world patricia ryan nixon so

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so [Music] so [Music] so thank you okay [Applause]

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[Applause] uh [Applause] oh that's a group of young republicans in the balcony at the far right [Applause] gentlemen [Applause]

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oh [Applause] thank you very much thank you okay [Applause] thank you very much thank you [Applause] oh [Applause] ladies and gentlemen

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[Applause] all right here she is thank you to those who say to those who say that we don't have young people i just hope [Applause] well i certainly can say this is the most wonderful welcome i've ever had and for those i listened to jimmy i listened to jimmy stewart's uh introduction of me and i was so appreciative and grateful to him for being here today

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and grateful to him for being here today and he certainly is right i stay in the wings and don't come out in front too often so this is quite unusual for me but i do want to thank all of you for your friendship and your loyal support and for the planning this wonderful evening for me i shall remember it always and thanks to the young people for this great welcome she was stopping there to wave to the young republicans up in the balcony at the far end in democratic conventions we've seen mayor daley of chicago pack the halls with members of the sixth ward sewer workers uh what we saw tonight it seems to me are their republican equivalents we'll be back after this word from gold nbc news continues its coverage of the 1972 republican national convention brought to you by the gulf oil corporation the president has had some conservative challengers and some conservative opposition this year some conservatives are upset because it is going to russia and china there's federal deficits and other programs but the senior conservative in the republican party is senator barry goldwater and he's been a staunch ally of the president all year long and now he has come his time to make

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and now he has come his time to make speech here tonight that's senator goldwater on the roster now who ran in 1964 on an ideologically based campaign lost very very badly has been compared to senator mcgovern on the right on the or on the left however [Applause] behind the president speaking for him all year long holding the line with any conservatives who might defect from the nixon administration the nixon campaign because of what they believe to be moves too rapidly to the left mr nixon in 64 you'll remember came onto the platform when a lot of republicans were a little dubious of gold order spoke for him that's right he did ronnie that's one of the most lovely ladies i've ever seen in my life delegates and alternates to the 72 convention and my fellow americans it's with a real sense of honor that i address you here tonight at the midpoint in one of the most glorious chapters ever written of republican service to the people of our country and

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our country and [Music] and i might add at a time when that service has never been so badly needed ladies and gentlemen i've been before this convention before once in 1960 to ask that my name be removed from the list of those nominated for the highest office in the land again in 1964 i appeared to accept your nomination before the presidency and [Applause] and four years ago i served as a speaker and tonight i'm

with you again and this time just as another hard-working republican who literally shakes in his boots every time he thinks of the possibility of mcgovern shriver clark and salinger in positions of authority so oh [Applause] ladies and gentlemen it's not my purpose here to recount the great changes and achievements

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great changes and achievements that have been made by the republican party under president nixon in spite of the determined and continued harassment of the democratically controlled congress i will not dwell on the great peacemaking efforts put forth by the president and this administration which have virtually brought the war in vietnam to a stop and if we could keep pierre salinger and ramsey clark at home we could possibly see it in sooner and by the way it doesn't surprise me that mr clark is so ignorant of the law that he doesn't realize he's violating the logan act which prohibits any american citizen other than the president from participating in foreign policy he [Music] he was that kind of an attorney general too and uh speaking of laws and mr clark president nixon has done nothing else then give us a supreme court that will protect our constitution for our grandchildren if he had done nothing else i would vote for him on that and that alone now the president has taken the first steps toward building an understanding between the united states and our potential enemies an

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and our potential enemies an understanding that has grown even though just a little with red china and the soviet union and while the door has only been opened a crack it's open now others are going to talk about those accomplishments and they'll bring to your attention the fact that at no time in american history at no time has we had as many people employed at no time in american history has business staged such a revival after having nearly been sunk by the administrations which preceded ours remember and it's not hard business expansion had nearly stopped business activity was becoming so sluggish that it was in danger of becoming a nationwide recession when the republicans came to the rescue yes [Music] [Applause] others will speak of those things but as an american first and then a republican i can't help but remind you of what has been accomplished in the past four years as i stand before you tonight urging that we have a continuation of nixon and agnew and the administration for the next four years [Applause] good

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uh you know you know we're liable to be here four more years but i don't have anything to do i was asked by our president to speak with our fellow republicans and americans across this land not necessarily of the accomplishments that have taken place since 69 but of our country and what this republican party means to our country and our country do all of this but before i report on this i'd like to call attention to what happened last month when the shattered remnants of a once great party met in this city and what i listened to and saw on my television set made me question whether i was sitting in the united states or someplace else and i was reminded when i listened to their constant complaints of the coyotes who live on my hill with me in the deserts of arizona these coyotes particularly on a moonlight night just sit and bathe and moan and cry at the moon and that's what this little handful of angry people who live with us in america and who were in miami last month do that reminds me of my coyotes

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they just bathe and moan and cry over everything that exists but never suggest anything new anything better or anything constructive to replace them [Music] they just wait like the old coyote until they can tear something down or destroy a part of america now i don't know about all of you but i'm getting sick and tired of hearing about what is wrong with america i'd like for all americans to think about what is right with america tonight and in the days ahead [Applause] [Music] to begin with it's a land that brought your fathers and your grandfathers and your great grandfathers looking for peace and freedom just as my grandfather did who came over from poland over 120 years ago and i've traveled this vast land of ours probably more than most of you here this evening i've been across my arizona deserts the canyons and mountains on foot and on

horseback i have driven and flown across your beautiful states i know the dark beauty of this country at night with its highlands and lowlands festooned by the lights of homes i know the high buildings of new york the busyness of baltimore the beauty of

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the busyness of baltimore the beauty of washington and its people i know the hubbub of chicago the beauty that the ladies love in san francisco i've been in your small towns your byways across the plains across the high mountains across the bays the meadows the lakes and the rivers of this country of the free and tonight i just want to remind you that this land has far far more right about it than what's wrong i might say ladies and gentlemen you've just seen something very unusual a senator from arizona being handed some of his own water back from the governor of california i appreciate it ladies and gentlemen just consider the fact that about six percent of the people in this world are americans and they live on about six percent of the real estate of this world they own over 52 of everything of material worth the world has to offer we are a nation of jobs a nation that has made great industrial technological and electronic progress we are a nation that has come closer to solving the problem of poverty than any nation in the history of the

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world the vulture we are a nation that has finally awakened to the abuses that were being practiced upon minority groups in this country and through republicans are now doing something about it we are a nation deeply rooted in religious and spiritual concepts a nation where freedom reigns where speech is free where the press is free for each and every individual is assured his inalienable rights of life liberty and the pursuit of happiness now ladies and gentlemen demonstrating our continued firm belief in the principles which have made this land great and which will keep this land great our party stands now as it has always stood for the philosophy that holds that the meaning of a man's life and the hope of his future must come from within himself it is let me remind you that it is not a gift that a nation a leader a congress or a political party can confer upon him now if i may at this point let me inject something that might come as a surprise or even a shock to some of you it concerns what the young people of american of america have been saying to us and i hope we'll listen

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hope we'll listen when they say they want to do their thing they're telling us that they want to live their lives without being guided by a chain in the [Applause] nose they believe as we do that each man is responsible for his own actions that each man is the best judge of his own well-being that each man has an individual conscience to serve and a moral code to uphold and that each man is a brother to every other man that's that's what the young people of america believe and let me remind you that this still young country was founded on those principles has grown on those principles and will become even greater if we don't drift away from them but did you hear anything about that in the confusing confusion held here last month no not a word just promises promises promises but fortunately fortunately we didn't hear the promise of another war and yet i have to remind you that every war bought during my life was started under a president of their [Applause] party and now at this crucial point in our history we face something shocking for the first time in that

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shocking for the first time in that history a candidate of one of our parties has already surrendered to the enemy before the election has even been held now i don't believe they'll hear me but let me say to the leaders of hanoi that they shouldn't listen to the mcgoverns or the clarks because these people do not represent the prevailing feelings in america they should know and they should know that former attorney general clark has almost never been right in his entire life he's the man while serving as the nation's chief law enforcement officer in 1967 told america there was no reason to be concerned about the staggering increase

in crime on the streets i say to these communist bosses in hanoi they should understand once and for all that the mcgoverns and the clarks and the slashengers do not speak for america nor will they ever get the chance

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the president and the president alone [Music] god where were they in 64. [Music] let me let me remind you the president and the president alone represents this country in the discussion of foreign policy and he alone will bring a peace to the world that the world can live with without fear of war the next day and that president's name is nixon now here hi golly a time when america's leadership of the world is needed more than ever before we find those people amongst us who advocate

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those people amongst us who advocate isolationism and unilateral disarmament now ladies and gentlemen it's time to face up to these two absolute facts and i hope that in the coming election the people given their chance to decide will allow their vote to fall on the side of keeping this nation strong and honorable and maintaining its place in the world because only through this can peace be kept and under under those people who camped out in miami last month we've seen our military might fall to a dangerous low and it's only been through the insistence of president nixon that we've begun to rebuild the strength and it has to continue and the people who cut our military might are the same ones who carried on a campaign to belittle and downgrade the american man in uniform they are the people who carried this disgraceful campaign to the point that young men do not look forward with the same enthusiasm as did their fathers and their grandfathers to serve their country through the military services let me remind you our party can never afford to take any part in any assault that would belittle the patriotism of our youth and cast a stain on the record of men who have bled and died and fought for their country in the years past

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ladies and gentlemen it's a strange thing to me that with all the millions and millions of people who have gladly come to our shores for freedom and for peace and for opportunity that the only ones who have ever wanted to leave are those who did not want to serve their country in time of war or stress and i say to those young people who deserted america stay where you are stay where you are you're no longer wanted or welcome in this country you turned your back on now ladies and gentlemen i recall the words of a young american who served shortly as president but who in his inaugural speech said to our people ask not what your country can do for you but what you can do for our country sadly sadly he never lived to force this down the throats of the congress which was under the control of his party

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which was under the control of his party that congress and every congress since under the same control has been promising to do things for people they should do for themselves as a result they have virtually spent this country into bankruptcy trying to be big brother father mother and sister all without any attention being paid to want or need desire or ability now might we not once again use the words of jack kennedy and put some meaning in them as we carry forward with our party beliefs a philosophy that does not promise to give and give so that it can get and get a philosophy that says that the promises and the power seekers would only get out of the way that americans would be free to perform free to perform person to person people to people thus fellow republicans and americans across this land the record is clear and unmistakable since last we met the hopes of peace throughout the world have been vastly improved and the welfare and well-being of our people have been strengthened and enriched our job is to continue that record and turn our backs and the backs of our countrymen on the prophets of doom and the architects of disaster i urge the american people to follow the lead of this convention and reject once and for all any isolationist threat to our freedom which is incorporated in the socialist promises of mcgovern and his backers

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now is the time for all of us to work and to vote to make the greatest nation on earth greater still and with your help and your prayers and the continued help of nixon and agnew it will be done thank you [Applause] senator barry goldwater getting a standing ovation in the convention hole he probably represents still the hopes and dreams of about as many republicans as any other leader in the party we'll be back in a moment after this message from go while the speech making was going on in this hall this evening more or less according to schedule the convention rules committee was meeting and possibly wrangling over the question of who gets to sit in the next convention the one serious dispute that's arisen at this convention it is meeting now in the eden rock hotel and edwin newman is [Music] well there as you say the rules committee is still meeting but it has adopted an amendment to rule 30 that's the rule on the allocation of delegates of the 76 convention this amendment which is a compromise was proposed by the state of california delegation and it does to some extent reward states that vote republican and also give some added rewards to states with larger populations it does that by assigning extra delegates to states that

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assigning extra delegates to states that vote for the republican nominee for president or that elect the united republican united states senator or senators and that vote for a majority of republicans in the state delegation in the house of representatives now it appears that this will take care of the issue and prevent a floor fight we're not certain of that the rules committee is still meeting if it does not prevent a floor fight it would appear to doom any attempt to make any further changes in rule 30 because it does represent a fairly considerable concession to the big states my impression at the meeting was that there was a general desire for compromise and for avoiding a floor fight and that desire was strengthened by the rules committee moving from the room that originally met in to a thoroughly inadequate room that had to vacate its original room for a republican convention party for so-called heritage groups which is to say ethnic groups and it went into something called the palladium room which has a capacity of 112 people and was probably containing at least three times that many in fact some of the delegates suggested that the meeting be stopped because it was in violation of the fire laws the palladium room for some reason is distinguished by pink paint and very low ceilings and after a while i began to think of it as the pink hole of calcutta it is possible that the rules committee will go through some further business but it does seem that substantially this question of the allocation of delegates has been uh resolved and that there won't be any big floor fight tomorrow we can't be quite sure but that's how it looks at the moment we won't know until the rules committee actually does finish its meeting edwin newman at the eden rock back to david franklin ed thank you what we have been seeing here in the convention hall and as you know if you've been with us all night is what a political party does when it has a convention but nevertheless has not any great deal of business to transact beyond that of a ceremonious and formal

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beyond that of a ceremonious and formal nature the platform is pretty well settled the nominees are completely settled there really is not a great deal for the party to do that is not already settled in advance the structure of a convention as an institution in either party is designed to contain controversy and differences of opinions and in many cases enormous flaming political ambitions and egos there are many of those here as at all conventions but they know this is not their year it's the nixon ag new year and nobody else so instead of using the convention for its classic essential purpose as we have seen tonight it has been in effect the opening of the republican campaign we've had a series of attacks on the democrats beginning with the first speech and running to the last jack the last one senator goldwater accused former attorney general ramsey clark of violating the logan act of treating with the foreign affairs and contravention to the president that i believe is the first time in official republican parlance that that particular charge has been made other people have talked around it but senator goldwater was harder and more specific in his accusation tonight than anybody has been before uh tomorrow we're going to get the reports of the committees on credentials and rules on the platform this in the afternoon session some congressional campaign reports and a report on the

campaign for the governors the schedule calls for us to see the gavel fall at one o'clock in the afternoon eastern daylight time tomorrow and nbc news will be there when the gavel falls ready to cover it all david brinkley john chancellor the rest of this stalwart crew bid you good night only 50 minutes beyond the scheduled time good night

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